

Library Education @ Desktop

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives is now offering three free continuing education opportunities accessible from any Internet connected computer. Library Education @ Desktop, or LE@D, courses meet an urgent need in the library community: high-quality, Internet-delivered continuing education that helps librarians and library staff deal with the challenges that are a part of their daily work lives. It takes approximately two hours to complete each course, which offers students the flexibility to work at their own pace and schedule. The courses are administered by the University of North Texas and sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives.



The initial registration period through April 21 is limited to two staff members per library, followed by an open registration period to fill remaining vacant seats. Registration is available online at <http://kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged/registration05012006.htm> and at the KDLA Field Services Exhibit during KPLA in Louisville on April 26-28 if there are seats still available. Once registered, each student will have two months, May 1 – June 30, to complete the course. If the demand for these online courses is high, as is expected, more web-based continuing education will be offered in the future.

The online courses currently available to library staff are:

Course 1 - Managing Difficult Patrons with Confidence

This course is intended to provide each participant with a basic tool-kit that can be applied to manage a variety of difficult patron situations.

Course 2 - Reaching Teenagers

The purpose of this tutorial is to give you specific ways you can reach out to teens and provide asset building programs in the library. You will be given tools to begin defining or redefining your teen program. At the end of each course, you will complete projects that may be used to define your teen program for your library.

Course 3 - Using Databases

This course will concentrate on addressing the needs of library professionals using electronic databases. You will gain knowledge of the terminology used in online searching and develop the skills needed to analyze various types of search requests. This foundation will enable you to identify the best method and tools for performing an online search. You will be given exercises to reinforce your learning experience. At the completion of the course, you will have gained the tools and techniques necessary for developing your online searching skills.

Anne McConnell Cotterill Remembered

Anne McConnell Cotterill, a national authority on children's literature and a retired University of Kentucky associate professor at the School of Library and Information Science, died on April 3, 2006 after a brief illness. While on the UK faculty Mrs. Cotterill had served on the National Newbery-Caldecott Committee. The University of Kentucky's McConnell Center for the Study of Children's Literature, which hosts the annual McConnell Literature Conference in Lexington, is named in her honor. The McConnell Literature Conference draws librarians and teachers from three states to share ideas, examine materials, and meet authors and other leaders in the field of Children's Literature. Mrs. Cotterill will be remembered for her tireless efforts as an advocate for children's literature and library services to children.

'Cross the Commonwealth

Governor Ernie Fletcher and the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) have announced that **Robertson County Public Library** will receive \$17,650 in funding from the Community Economic Growth Grant (CEGG) program. The Robertson County Public Library has requested the funds for a message center that advertises training opportunities as well as posting events. The citizens of Robertson County do not have access to a local newspaper, radio or television station within their own county. The message center will promote community meetings, training activities, school events and most of all a timely disbursement of emergency information.

Jackson County Public Library will host the Grand Opening of their new building on Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 p.m. Governor Ernie Fletcher will attend this event. Everyone is invited to join the celebration.

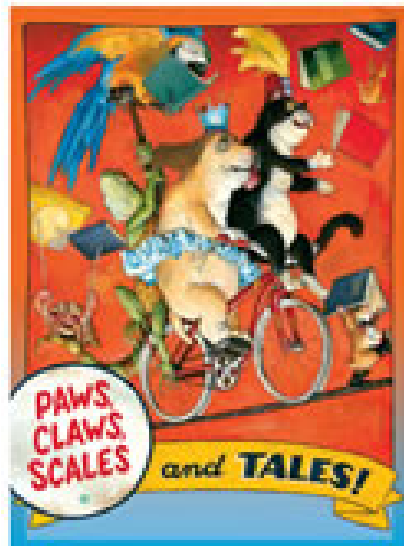
Appalachian novelist Sharyn McCrumb headlines a slate of more than three dozen talented writers scheduled to appear at the 2006 **Ohio River Festival of Books**, April 29 at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in Huntington, W.Va.

The **Corbin Public Library** will refurbish the interior of the library building built in 1968 with new carpeting, furniture, and other updates.

The Paducah Civic Beautification Board has recognized the **McCracken County Public Library** with the 2006 Business Beautification Award.

Paws, Claws Scales and Tales!

KDLA is gearing up for a fun 2006 children's summer reading program with the theme, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." Activities will feature pets both real and imaginary. The companion program for teens is called "Creature Feature." Public libraries will have opportunities not only to entertain children with stories and activities about beloved pets, but also to educate them about humane treatment of animals, responsible pet ownership, opportunities and careers for children who love animals, and about those non-pet animals helpful to humans in so many ways. All these exciting library activities will have the goal of promoting enjoyable, voluntary reading to help students of all ages maintain reading skills while on vacation.



Program Kits Available to Libraries

Public libraries now have access to several kits through the State Library to use for programming. Bi-Folkal Kits are packaged programs designed to bring back memories on a particular time or topic. Every kit has a media presentation (slides or videotape), large print booklets, sing-along tape, activity sheets, pictures, three-dimensional objects, and a program manual. Mini-kits prompt the same remembering as the full-sized Bi-Folkal kits, but are designed for a shorter program.

The State Library also has Large Print Book Discussion Kits that promote reading in senior members of the community, such as senior center groups, assisted living residences, and nursing homes. Each kit is packaged in a sturdy wheeled bag and contains the following: 15 copies of a large print book, an audiobook (either a cassette or CD), and a discussion guide.

KDLA Youth Book Discussion Kits are complete youth programs designed around high quality books for children and young adults. The kits feature a wide range of literary styles and genres, designed to promote thoughtful discussions. Each kit contains 20 paperback copies of the book and a discussion guide which includes book and author information, discussion questions, an activity guide, and resources for discussion leaders. Selected titles also include audio books.

Contact the State Library's Circulation Desk at (502) 564-8300, ext. 337 or toll free at (800) 928-7000, ext. 337, or use this link below to reserve materials online:
http://www.kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib_publib_materials.htm

KTBL Goes Digital

Thanks to a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the Kentucky Talking Book Library has purchased a new digital recording system. KTBL has two recording booths in which talking books with a Kentucky connection are recorded. The new system is installed in one booth, replacing a 30-year-old system which used reel-to-reel tape. The other booth will be converted next year.



The Talking Book Library Recording Booth

The system is a Low Complexity Digital Mastering system (LCM) and it will create recordings with improved sound and clarity. This is important since the majority of the patrons of this service are senior citizens. It will also allow KTBL to edit sound recordings as easily as a word document. For example, a mistake can be deleted and a correction inserted without having to re-record large sections.

This system will be compatible with the new digital talking book and player the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) is currently developing. Until the projected release of this new format in 2008 (and during a lengthy transition period), cassette talking books will remain the standard. The system includes components which allow KTBL to transfer digital recordings to cassette for distribution to its patrons. Older reel or cassette tapes can also be transferred to a digital file for sound editing.

The Kentucky books recorded in the past have been very popular with readers. Both fiction and non-fiction are in high demand. Many Kentucky books are requested by patrons in other states, and sent to them via Interlibrary Loan. Here are some examples of books that have the most requests:

- *The Blue Light Special: an Arresting Collection of Humorous Police Stories*, by Leo Mudd, a former KY state trooper.
- *By Way of the Forked Stick*--short stories based on author Billy C. Clark's boyhood in 1930's Kentucky.
- *Appalachian Mountain Girl*, by Rhonda Bailey Warren--biography telling how the author's family left a grueling life in the mines to find a better life.
- *Forget About Murder*, by Elizabeth Daniels Squire--features absentminded sleuth Peaches Dann in a murder investigation.
- *Haunted Houses and Family Ghosts of Kentucky*, by William Lynwood Montell.

While there are digital audio books already available to the general public, KTBL's recordings must be proprietary in order to comply with copyright law and US Postal regulations. Only registered patrons who have been certified as physically unable to read print have access to the collection of over 50,000 titles and the special equipment needed to listen to them. Contact the Kentucky Talking Book Library at 1-800-372-2968 for more information.

The World Digital Library Announcement – What Does It Mean?

The Library of Congress has announced an effort to create a plan to develop a World Digital Library (WDL). What that means is that LC has launched fundraising to support planning for a nonexclusive partnership with major libraries in every area of the world to digitize rare cultural materials that are in the public domain and make them accessible to anyone, anywhere, who has an Internet-connected computer.

The effort is beginning with a gift of \$3 million from Google, Inc., which recently collaborated with LC to digitize 5,000 public-domain books, and continues to digitize works of historical value in the LC Law Library. LC is seeking additional funding partners from the private and public sectors.

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has named John Van Oudenaren as the Senior Advisor for the World Digital Library (WDL) initiative. Van Oudenaren will direct a small team drawn from various parts of the Library, which will seek assistance and advice from organizational units from the Library as well as from collaborating institutions in the United States and abroad.

The WDL will be similar to the American Memory Web site (www.loc.gov/memory), which now provides free, unrestricted access to some ten million rare items from the public-domain collections of LC and other U.S. libraries. But the WDL will not be restricted to American history and culture. Also similar is the Global Gateway Web site (<http://international.loc.gov/intldl/intldlhome.html>) through which LC collaborates with libraries in other nations—currently five in the western world—to digitize and provide access to documents that illustrate historical intersections and parallels between each country and the United States. The goal of the WDL is to develop a plan that other countries might adapt for digitizing materials that will illuminate more broadly the culture and histories of nations whose libraries participate.

Work toward the WDL will begin by identifying technology issues in digitizing and organizing collections for a world library. Work will be needed on standards and metadata schemas to support both access and preservation. Initial planning will identify equipment, staffing, and funding needed to digitize and launch online a WDL collection.

Wage and Hour Posters

Kentucky Department of Labor Office Workplace Standards Wage and Hour posters are now available online in English and Spanish. Included are posters addressing Wage Discrimination Because of Sex, Kentucky Wage and Hour Laws, Kentucky Child Labor Law. The posters can be downloaded at:

<http://www.labor.ky.gov/ows/employmentstandards/posters/default.htm>.

Information on workplace standards can be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor Office of Workplace Standards at 502-564-3070.

Correction

The January/February 2006 issue of the Public Library Newsletter mistakenly identified Fulton County Public Library's Hickman Branch as the Hickman County Public Library. The FCPL Hickman Branch received a \$20,520 automation grant from KDLA to undergo initial automation of library patron, circulation, holdings and authority control functions.

Upcoming Continuing Education Events

May

1-26	Technology Training: Introduction to Networking for Librarians	ONLINE
2-3	Technology Training: MS Access-Level 1	Owensboro
4	Technology Training: MS Publisher-Level 1	Lexington
8	Technology Training: MS Excel-Level 2	Bowling Green
9	Planning the Library Building to Meet Future Needs	Bowling Green
10	Planning the Library Building to Meet Future Needs	Madison Co.
11	Technology Training: Wireless Technology in Libraries	Frankfort
12	Technology Training: Wireless Technology in Libraries	Somerset
12	Technology Training: Internet Security	Paducah
16	Marketing Your Library	Bowling Green
17	Marketing Your Library	Lexington
19	Technology Training: Internet Security	West Liberty
22	Technology Training: MS Publisher-Level 1	Bowling Green
24-25	Technology Training: MS Access-Level 1	Somerset

June

1-2	Technology Training: MS Access-Level 1	Lexington
14	Marketing Your Library	Bowling Green
15	Marketing Your Library	Lexington
19	Technology Training: Designing and Offering Web-Based Training	Louisville
20	Technology Training: Designing and Offering Web-Based Training	Lexington

Trustee Forum Dinner Meetings

KDLA will offer four Trustee Forum Dinner meetings in July. Library trustees are invited to an evening dinner followed by a presentation by Charlaine Ezell, President of The Extra Edge consulting firm and popular library consultant/presenter. Dr. Ezell will be speaking on the topic of how to evaluate the library director. Make your plans to attend at one of these sites:

Monday, July 24 th , 2006	- 5:30-9:00 EST	General Butler State Resort Park
Tuesday, July 25 th , 2006	- 5:30-9:00 CST	Pennyrile State Resort Park
Wednesday, July 26 th , 2006	- 5:30-9:00 CST	Lake Cumberland State Resort Park
Thursday, July 27 th , 2006	- 5:30-9:00 EST	Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Friday, July 28 th , 2006	- 5:30-9:00 EST	Nolin RECC Meeting Room in Elizabethtown, KY

Registration information will be available online at <http://kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm>.

Health Information Training

Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health in a Public Library is the title of KDLA sponsored health information training sessions to be held at two locations in August. This class will cover the information seeking behaviors of consumers. It will also address the recommended core reference collection, as well as databases and newsletters/periodicals. The reference interview, disclaimers, and privacy as well as networking with medical librarians will also be covered. The class will introduce the students to the Medical Library Association and its local chapters. It will describe possible ways to market this service in a community. Tammy Mays, Consumer Health Coordinator at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Greater Midwest Region will be the presenter. The 4 hour sessions will be held on Wednesday, August 16th, 2006 - 1:00-5:00 EST at William T. Young Library, University of Kentucky Computer Lab (Room B108a) and Friday, August 18th, 2006 - 1:00-5:00 CST at the Carroll Knicely Conference Center of Western Kentucky University Computer Room (room 116). Registration information will be available online at <http://kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm>.

New KDLA CE Consultant

Ron Critchfield is KDLA's new Continuing Education Consultant. Ron's professional background is primarily in the academic environment. He previously served as Assistant Director of a college library and later as a full-time, teaching professor. Prior to accepting this position at KDLA, Ron worked at the Boyle County Public Library. He has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Centre College, a Master of Theology degree from Duke University, a Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky, and a Ph.D. in Information Science from Nova Southeastern University. If you have questions about KDLA sponsored continuing education events, contact KDLA Continuing Education Consultant Ron Critchfield at 502-564-8300 ext 219 or rcritchfield@ky.gov.

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